

I 次の対話文の空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを、それぞれア～ウから一つ選べ。

[A]

A: Hi, Tim. I'm excited about our trip to the mall tomorrow afternoon.
My friend went yesterday, and said that a new bookstore opened the other day.

B: Sounds great. _____ 1 _____

A: Me, too. It's been a while since I found a good book. And if we're right, I might buy a couple. That's the shop I want to visit most.

B: While we're at the mall, I need to return the CD I bought there the last time we went. I hope it doesn't take too long to get it done.

A: I'm sorry to hear that. How come?

B: There was a scratch on it. I didn't realize until I played it at home.
_____ 2 _____

A: That's such a shame. I bet they will. It's not your fault.

B: I do hope so. I really want it for my collection.

A: Anyway, I'm thinking it could be very busy there tomorrow. If it's crowded, we may have trouble finding convenient parking.

B: I wondered about that, too. _____ 3 _____

A: OK. Well, see you tomorrow after lunch!

B: Before I forget, make sure I give you some money for gas. It's not fair that you're always the one that has to cover the cost.

A: That won't be necessary! My dad pays anyway.

1. ア. I expect they'll have some special deals at the moment.

イ. Just yesterday, I bought a good book for myself.

ウ. When I visited it a few weeks ago, I was impressed.

2. ア. I like it as it is, so I want to keep it.
イ. I'm hoping they'll exchange it for a new one.
ウ. I've decided to sell it as soon as I can.
3. ア. I'm thinking that it'd be better to go on the bus for a change.
イ. It's always quieter there in the morning though, so it'll be fine.
ウ. Well, if that's the case, I don't mind walking a little.

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[B]

A: Hi, Joe. I heard that you're planning a big film festival. I've done something like that before. Where are you thinking about having it?

B: I've been looking at options. 4

A: I see. Any advantages of the places in the suburbs? I feel like they're more affordable.

B: Exactly. I need to think about transportation for the participants, though. If they're far from the city, it might be inconvenient.

A: That's a good point. Do you expect to give preference to cost or convenience?

B: I'm thinking of asking the attendees which is more important to them. 5

A: That's a good idea. If you select carefully, I think there's a good chance that you'll be able to find one.

B: I'm also thinking about accommodations. Most people will need a place to stay.

A: Are you going to reserve a block of rooms in a hotel, or are there better options?

B: A hotel is easy to manage, 6.

A: Yeah, that's the best way. Having more of a shared experience would be nice, but I get that most like the freedom to organize things themselves.

B: OK. I'll get to work on finding a good venue for the event.

4. ア. I'm considering places near the city center and a few in the suburbs.
- イ. The places in the suburbs are cheaper and not so far from the city.
- ウ. Venues in the suburbs seem generally to be a lot more luxurious.
5. ア. Having said that, finding a location that provides both should be possible.
- イ. I'd like to get some thoughts on this from last year's organizer.
- ウ. I'm going to ask them as soon as I possibly can.
6. ア. and I could make the arrangements for everyone
- イ. but it's better to allow everyone to make their own arrangements
- ウ. though I'm really not sure what the best option is

Ⅱ 次の英文の空所に入れるのに最も適当な語を，ア～クから選べ。ただし，同じものを繰り返し用いてはならない。

(著作権の都合上，掲載しておりません)

Ⅲ 次の各英文の空所に入れるのに最も適当な語句を、ア～エから一つ選べ。

13. The team will conduct a thorough review () the information provided in the application.

ア. be verifying

イ. to be verified

ウ. to verify

エ. verify

14. Each of the turtles, watched carefully by the volunteers who raised them, () into the ocean.

ア. had released

イ. released

ウ. releasing

エ. was released

15. Have you seen that street performer () tricks attract big crowds?

ア. that

イ. what

ウ. which

エ. whose

16. Alison's handmade cards, () before the holiday season, arrived just in time to spread some cheer.

ア. drawing

イ. drawn

ウ. which drew

エ. which was drawing

17. Only after the errors are fixed may he () to apply the update.

ア. be permitted

イ. is permitted

ウ. permits

エ. permitted

18. The system engineer () addressed the security vulnerability when unusual login activity was detected.

ア. can be

イ. have

ウ. ought to

エ. should have

() their principal had decided to take early retirement.

- ア. that イ. which ウ. who エ. whom

his company () its nationwide distribution network.

- ア. had launched イ. launch
ウ. launches エ. will launch

IV 次の各英文の意味に最も近いものを，ア～エから一つ選べ。

21. Ray said that the Academy Award winning movie was not his cup of tea.

ア. Ray said that he was not familiar with the Academy Award winning movie.

イ. Ray said that the movie that won the Academy Award was difficult to understand.

ウ. Ray stated that the Academy Award winning movie was rather poorly made.

エ. Ray stated that the movie that won the Academy Award was not one that he liked.

22. Despite performing well in her job, Sue was laid off last week.

ア. Although Sue had performed well in her job, she was scolded at work last week.

イ. Although Sue had performed well, she was transferred to another department last week.

ウ. Last week, despite doing well in her job, Sue was given less work.

エ. Last week, despite doing well, Sue lost her job.

23. When Helen's parents got her exam results, they were beside themselves with anger.

ア. Helen's parents were extremely angry when they got their daughter's examination results.

イ. Helen's parents were not even slightly angry when they received their daughter's exam results.

ウ. When Helen's parents got their daughter's exam results, they were the only ones who were very angry.

エ. When Helen's parents received their daughter's examination results, they were only slightly angry.

24. Walter worked in vain to complete the school project before the deadline.

ア. Despite trying to complete the school project before the deadline, Walter was unsuccessful.

イ. Walter only worked for a short time when trying to complete the school project before the deadline.

ウ. Walter worked quickly to try to finish his school project before the time limit.

エ. When trying to finish his school project before the time limit, Walter worked well.

V 次の(a)に示される意味を持ち、かつ(b)の英文の空所に入れるのに最も適した語を、それぞれア～エから一つ選べ。

25. (a) showing a modest view of one's importance

(b) Mr. Yoshida remained remarkably (), even when he was given great authority.

ア. humble イ. notable ウ. subtle エ. visible

26. (a) not frightened of danger

(b) David made a () decision to quit his job and travel the world alone.

ア. bold イ. careless ウ. delicate エ. nervous

27. (a) to control something, especially by making rules

(b) The government helps () the supply of rice in the country, ensuring prices remain stable.

ア. regain イ. regulate ウ. resemble エ. resign

28. (a) to accept an idea, belief, or change willingly

(b) The company is working to () new technology and stay competitive.

ア. applaud イ. comprehend
ウ. embrace エ. transform

29. (a) someone who represents their country in discussions with other countries

(b) After helping to mediate and ease tensions at the negotiations, Mr. Tanaka became a respected ().

ア. architect

イ. diplomat

ウ. interpreter

エ. journalist

Ⅵ 次の [A]～[D] の日本文に合うように、空所にそれぞれア～カの適当な語句を入れ、英文を完成させよ。解答は番号で指定された空所に入れるもののみをマークせよ。なお、文頭に来る語も小文字にしてある。

[A] レースは大変だったが、疲労のせいで完走をあきらめないよう、自分に言い聞かせた。

The race was tough, but I told myself not ()()(30)
()(31)() finishing it.

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| ア. from | イ. let | ウ. me |
| エ. my fatigue | オ. stop | カ. to |

[B] 残念ながら、自分と異なる意見を持つ人々を無知と見なす人もいる。

Unfortunately, some people regard ()(32)()()
(33)() ignorant.

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| ア. as | イ. differ from | ウ. opinions |
| エ. their own | オ. those | カ. whose |

[C] 鍵をあちこち探したが、結局のところどこにも見あたらないことが分かった。

I looked for my keys everywhere, but it turned out ()()
(34)()(35)() found.

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| ア. be | イ. nowhere | ウ. that |
| エ. they | オ. to | カ. were |

[D] 子どもたちが幼少期に触れる本は、認知的発達に重要な役割を果たす。

()(36)()(37)()() life play a key role
in their cognitive development.

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| ア. are | イ. children | ウ. early in |
| エ. exposed | オ. the books | カ. to |

VII 次の英文を読み、あとの問いに答えよ。

A previously unknown species of dolphin has been identified in Australia. One of only three new dolphin species found since the 1800s, the Burrnunan dolphin has been named after an Australian Aboriginal phrase that means 'large sea creature of the porpoise kind'. Only two populations have been discovered so far, both of them in the state of Victoria. Around a hundred have been located in Port Phillip Bay, a built-up area very close to Melbourne, Australia's second most populous city, while another fifty are known to frequent the saltwater coastal lakes of the rural Gippsland region, a couple of hundred miles away.

It's long been known that distinct dolphin populations roam off south-eastern Australia. But now DNA tests have shown that these dolphins are genetically very different from the other two local species, the common bottlenose and the Indo-Pacific bottlenose. The results were so surprising that the team initially thought there was a mistake and re-ran the tests. As Kate Charlton-Robb, a marine biologist at Monash University, says: 'The main focus of our research was to figure out which of the two known bottlenose species these dolphins belonged to. But from the DNA sequences that we got, it turned out that they were very different from either of them.'

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The team also examined dolphin skulls collected and maintained by Australian museums over the last century, and determined that Burrnunan dolphins have slight cranial* differences that set the species apart. And there are other observable differences too, such as the Burrnunan's more curved dorsal fin**, stubbier beak, and unique colouring that includes dark grey, mid-grey and white.

So how did the dolphins escape researchers' notice for so long?

Physical variations in dolphins in south-eastern Australia have been reported for decades, though the new study is the first to use multiple lines of evidence to make a strong case for a distinct species. In fact, the Burrunan dolphin was almost discovered as far back as 1915, when a biologist captured and examined two very different dolphins from Australian waters. Scientists at the time concluded that both the animals were common bottlenose dolphins, and that their differences were due to one being male and the other female. After reviewing the female dolphin's skeleton recently, though, Charlton-Robb's team determined she was a Burrunan.

Because so few individuals belonging to the new dolphin species have been identified, the research team has petitioned the Australian government to list the animals as endangered. 'Given the small size of the population,' Charlton-Robb says 'it's really crucial that we make an effort to protect them.'

*cranial 「頭蓋（とうがい）の」

**dorsal fin 「背びれ」

問1 本文の第1段落の内容に合うものとして最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(38)

- ア. Compared to a group of dolphins that visit the coastal lakes of Gippsland, an urban population has been found to be smaller in number.
- イ. The Burrunan is considered to be the only type of dolphin to have been newly identified over the last 250 years.
- ウ. Three groups of a newly discovered kind of dolphin have been located in the same area of an Australian state called Victoria.
- エ. While one group of a newly identified species of dolphin was seen near an urban location, another is known to inhabit a more rural area.

問2 下線部(39)の内容として最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。

- ア. the researchers interested in the identification and classification of these different species of dolphins
- イ. two established species of dolphins and the addition of newly identified counterpart
- ウ. two recognized types of dolphins to which the DNA from the new group of dolphins was presumed to belong
- エ. types of dolphins that are not regarded as being local to south-eastern Australia

問3 本文の第2段落の内容に合うものとして最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(40)

- ア. A marine biologist at Monash University, Kate Charlton-Robb, conducted a study about a group of dolphins by herself.
- イ. A scientist said the primary goal of the research was originally to assess whether the DNA sample could help explain why these dolphins live off south-eastern Australia.
- ウ. Although DNA tests were conducted again, the results from the analyses were ultimately found to be consistent.
- エ. The fact that separate groups of dolphins travel in the waters off south-eastern Australia has only recently been discovered.

問4 本文の第3段落の内容に合うものとして最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(41)

- ア. A newly discovered species of dolphin has a less stubby beak than previously identified species.
- イ. Over the last 100 years, Australian museums have gathered and preserved the skulls of a certain type of marine creature.
- ウ. The Burrunan dolphin's dark grey, mid-grey and white colouring is not considered distinct from that of other species.
- エ. The characteristics of skulls held by museums and those of the Burrunan dolphins were completely different.

問5 本文の第4段落の内容に合うものとして最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(42)

ア. Researchers had encountered the recently identified type of dolphin before, but considered it to be part of a species already classified.

イ. The Burrunan dolphin was captured and examined by a biologist in 1915 and was correctly identified by scientists at that time.

ウ. The study of bodily differences in dolphins has only started in the last few years because of the novel use of various verification techniques.

エ. When researchers previously declared the Burrunan dolphin a new species, they wrongly based this on a difference between the genders.

問6 本文の第5段落の内容に合うものとして最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(43)

ア. Because so few of a newly recognized species of dolphin have been identified, scientists consider that it is essential to safeguard them.

イ. Because so many dolphins of the new species have been identified, scientists have asked the Australian government to help protect them.

ウ. Due to there being a large population of newly discovered dolphins, we barely have to make an effort to protect them.

エ. Scientists have placed a recently identified species of dolphin on a government list of endangered species.

問7 本文の内容と合わないものを、ア～キから二つ選び、(44)と(45)に一つずつマークせよ。ただし、マークする記号（ア、イ、ウ、…）の順序は問わない。

ア. The name of the Burrunan dolphin is derived from an expression rooted in the language of Aboriginal people.

イ. It has been recognized for a lengthy period of time that separate dolphin populations inhabit the waters off south-eastern Australia.

ウ. Although the results of DNA tests were as the researchers had anticipated, they repeated the tests for verification purposes.

エ. Despite expectations to the contrary, the Burrunan dolphins were found to be genetically distinct from either of two previously identified species.

オ. In comparison to other species of dolphin, the Burrunan dolphin has a few visible differences in its appearance.

カ. The Burrunan dolphin was almost formally identified as early as 1915, when a biologist obtained and studied two very dissimilar dolphin specimens.

キ. A research team has requested that the Australian government recognize a species of dolphin as extinct.

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